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STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—J. A. Hodges, J. F. Owen and F. M. Dameron.
On Temperance—W. P. Collier, R. W. Bass and Lunda Lee.
On Deportment and Work of the Ministry—Z. Taylor, J. C. Jernigan, A. W. Gregory, J. J. Roberts and W. P Collier.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

Lunda Lee, Robert Strickland and J. F. Hill.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

Avery, W. H.....
Blalock, J. A.....Wilson Mills, N. C.
Bass, R. W.....Keener, N. C.
Bordeaux, A. J.....
Carr, C. J.....
Dudley, H. M.....
Ellis, J. S.....Clayton, N. C.
Edwards, E. F.....
Faircloth, J. H.....
Glover, W. R.....
Goff, H. H.....Benson, N. C.
Garriss, O. B.....South Washington, N. C.
Hare, W. B.....McCall, S. C.
Hodges, J. A.....Benson, N. C.
Hill, J. F.....Aaron, N. C.
Jernigan, H. W.....Dunn, N. C.
Jernigan, W. J.....Dunn, N. C.
Jackson, R. C.....Beulah, N. C.
Jackson, C. A.....Hawley's Store, N. C
Johnson, L. E.....Saulston, N. C
Lee, Lunda.....Giles Mills, N. C.
Langdon, J. M.....
Lucas, J. W.....Dunn, N. C.
Mobley, G. S.....
Owen, J. F.....Dunn, N. C
Parker, E. L.....Garland, N. C.
Pope Hannibal .....
Pope, Wm.....Dunn, N. C.
Pope, G. A.....Dunn, N. C.
Rouse, J. A.....
Stafford, D. R.....Four Oaks, N. C.
Salmon Joseph .....
Strickland, Robert .....

LICENTIATES.

Bordeaux, I. W.....
Betts, J. J.....
Lassiter, J. W.....
Strickland, W. B.....
Summerlin, H. J.....
Stancill, G. W.....Benson, N. C
Wilson, J. M.....Hobton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

HOPEWELL CHURCH, JOHNSTON CO., N. C.,
October 30th, 1902.

The Forty-eighth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference met at place and date above named at 12 m. Elder R. C. Jackson who was elected at the last Conference to preach the Introductory sermon, preached from Acts 20th chapter and 28th verse. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood."

Intermission of 55 minutes for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-assembled at 2 o'clock, and was called to order by the Moderator. The names of those entitled to membership were enrolled as follows:

R. C. Jackson—Moderator.
A. Muns—Treasurer.
F. M. Dameron—Secretary.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

J. F. Hill, Lunda Lee, and Robert Strickland.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. H. Avery, J. A. Blalock, R. W. Bass, A. J. Bordeaux C. J. Carr, H. M. Dudley, J. S. Ellis, E. F. Edwards, J. H. Faircloth, W. R. Glover, H. H. Goff, O. B. Garriss, W. B. Hare, J. A. Hodges, J. F. Hill, H. W. Jernigan, W. J. Jernigan, L. E. Johnson, Lunda Lee, J. M. Langdon, J. W. Lucas, G. S. Mobley, J. F. Owen, E. L. Parker, Hannibal Pope, Wm. Pope, G. A. Pope, J. A. Rouse, D. R. Stafford, Robert Strickland, Joseph Salmon and Kenith Raynor.

LICENTIATES.

I. W. Bordeaux, J. J. Betts, J. W. Lassiter, W. B. Strickland, G. W. Stancill, H. J. Summerlin, J. M. Wilson and Daniel Faircloth.

The Moderator calls to his assistance H. W. Jernigan.

The Secretary called W. H. Gregory.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Religious Exercises—D. C. Johnson, N. C. Massengill and C. F. Collins.

Committee on Boundaries—S. C. Turnage, W. F. Parker, J. E. Jackson.

Committee on Obituaries—J. A. Hodges, J. F. Owen and F. M. Dameron.

Committee on Temperance—Lunda Lee, R. W. Bass and W. P. Collier.

Committee on Education—J. R. Parker, J. A. Blalock and W. J. Powell.
Committee on Finance—A. S. Lucas, G. M. Cooper and G. Byrd.
Committee on Deportment and Work of the Ministry—Z. Taylor, J. C. Jernigan, A. W. Gregory, J. J. Roberts and W. P. Collier.
Committee on Recording Texts—Miss Bertha Hodges.

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock, Elder Jacob Hill.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

New Zealand—H. Jernigan, W. J. Johnson.
Bizzell's Grove—G. E. Edwards, L. F. Fields.
Yelvington's Grove—J. W. Brown.
Pleasant Grove—A. S. Lucas, W. R. Lucas.
Weaver's Grove—J. E. Dorman.
Union Grove—
Shady Grove (Duplin county)—By letter.
Johnson Union—S. C. Turnage, D. S. Parrish.
Lee's Chapel—J. E. Jackson, J. C. Williford and W. H. Strickland.
Prospect—R. M. Parker, L. G. Ryals.
Newton's X Roads—By letter.
Union Springs—S. H. Davis, J. D. Stephenson, W. F. Parker.
Long Branch—J. N. Rearden, L. W. Tart, G. A. Pope.
Collier's Chapel—W. P. Collier, H. P. Lucas and W. C. Glover.
Fort Run—J. B. Goff, J. P. Smith.
Owen Grove—J. H. Johnson.
Hodges Chapel—J. V. Barefoot, T. C. Miller, J. M. McLamb.
Williams Grove—W. B. Guy.
Peniel—By letter.
Bethel—E. M. Temple, J. W. M. Stanley.
Shady Grove (Sampson county)—Eli Dudley, N. T. Jackson and L. W. Warren.
New Hope—R. H. Allen, Sr., R. H. Allen, Jr., and W. B. Jernigan.
Johnson's Chapel—Lemuel Hardee and W. H. Barber.
Saint's Delight—Hinton Tew and Arthur Faircloth.
Rowan—By letter.
Hopewell—Needham Munden, D. C. Johnson, N. C. Massengill.
Beasley's Grove—Ransom Raynor.
St. Mary's Grove—W. R. Coats and J. R. Benson.
North East—By letter.
Stony Run—E. B. Barefoot, N. T. Barefoot and L. W. Jernigan.
Roberts Grove—J. T. Warren.
Plain View—G. Byrd.
Carr's Chapel—By Letter.
Raynor's Chapel—John Porter.
Tea Chapel—Minnie Dale and Martha Pilkinton.
Casey's Chapel—Benjamin Casey.
Corinth—R. H. Blew.
Piney Grove—B. G. Stanley.
Wood's Grove—J. J. Roberts and F. P. Bartlett.
St. John's—J. F. Hill.
Dunn—J. H. Pope and C. L. Guy.
St. Paul's—J. M. Wilson and J. W. Lassiter.
Bethlehem—G. W. Byrd.
Garland—J. F. Cain.
Lebanon—J. R. Parker and C. F. Collins.
Benson—G. W. Stancill and J. H. Pool.
Zoar—G. M. Cooper and James McKenzie.
New Chapel—J. W. Pool.

Upon motion by C. A. Jackson Conference adjourned until to-morrow 9:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

Conference convened at 9:30 a. m., and was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. B. Hare who read the 4th chapter of 1st Timothy and led in prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Elders J. A. Blalock, C. A. Jackson and Robt. Strickland were appointed as Committee on Order of Business.

The name of Elder J. R. Spence (visiting minister) from the New Testament Church was enrolled and the hand of fellowship extended him. Also the names of J. H. Worley, W. C. Stewart and J. K. Ruffin were enrolled as delegates from the Western Conference. The hand of fellowship was extended to them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We the Committee on Order of Business beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2nd. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3rd. Organization.
4th. Appointment of Committees.
5th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6th. Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
7th. Reports from Churches.
8th. Reports from Committees.
9th. Resolutions.
10th. Miscellaneous business.
11th. Adjournment.

C. A. JACKSON,
J. A. BLALOCK,
ROBERT STRICKLAND.
Committee.

Report received and Committee discharged.

Church letters were read from the several churches, until the name of Union Springs was called, which church was charged with having violated the laws of this Conference, by using fermented wine in her commemoration services.

On motion of Elder H. W. Jernigan, the rules of order were suspended and an investigation of said charge undertaken.

Adjournment of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference came together at 1:30 p. m. and was called to order by the Moderator.

The charge against Union Springs Church was again taken up, and proofs and allegations were heard. Upon motion of W. R. Glover, Elders Lunda Lee, H. W. Jernigan and C. A. Jackson were appointed as a Committee of Investigation to ascertain the condition of affairs at Union Springs Church, and report the same to this Conference at the next annual session.

In her church letter Casey's Chapel petitions for the next Conference.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

A letter received from New Light Church. Said Church desiring admission into the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference. On motion the above named Church was received and the names of the delegates recorded as follows: Willis H. Gregory, D. S. Stephenson and A. J. Gregory.

A petitionary letter received from Pittman's X Roads, asking admission into this Conference. Said Church was received and names of delegates recorded as follows: J. W. Price, Henry Pittman and Hattie Price.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach today at 11 o'clock a. m., Elder J. S. Ellis open and Elder E. L. Parker preach. At 2:30 p. m. Elder J. M. Langdon open and Elder J. F. Owen preach. At 7:30 p. m. Elder Jos. Salmon open and W. B. Hare preach.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We the committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. Seeing the great evil or intemperance and knowing that the use of any kind of spirituous liquors as a beverage, is condemned by the Bible; we therefore urge upon all our preachers the necessity of preaching against said evil.

2nd. Knowing that total abstinence is the only safe way to prevent becoming intemperate, we therefore urge all our ministers and laity to do all they can to down the whiskey traffic.

3rd. Knowing also that the use of intoxicants as a beverage is a growing evil, and is an extremely bad example to set before the rising generation, we therefore recommend that all parents embrace the same rule of total abstinence and teach it to their children to use their influence to remove all manner of intoxicants from this fair land of ours. Respectfully,

R. W. BASS,
W. P. COLLIER,
LUNDA LEE,
Committee.

Elders J. H. Worley, J. K. Ruffin and W. C. Stewart, visiting ministers from the Western Conference, responded to the welcome accorded them by our Conference, each in a short and appropriate address, much to the pleasure of all present.

Conference then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m. Benediction by Elder H. W. Jernigan.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, Nov. 1st, 1902.

Conference convened according to previous adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

The roll was called and one hundred and seventeen members answered, there being seventeen absentees, from whom fines of 10 cents each were promptly collected, as they came late.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Conference then proceeded with business under the head of reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We, the Committee on Religious Exercises, beg to submit the following: We report to preach to-day at eleven o'clock, Elder I. W. Bordeaux open and Elder J. R. Spence preach. At 2:30 p. m. Elder W. J. Jernigan open and Elder C. A. Jackson preach. To-night at 7:30, Elder H. W. Jernigan open and Elder J A. Blalock preach. To-morrow at 10:30 Elder W. H. Avery open and Elder R. C. Jackson preach.

Respectfully,

D. C. JOHNSON,
N. C. MASSENGILL,
C. F. COLLINS,
Committee.

Report was received and Committee discharged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, the Committee on Obituaries beg leave to say that we desire to express our heartfelt thanks to God, for his exceeding great and tender mercy extended. That we all are permitted to meet here in his presence to-day, and that no member of our Conference has been called into eternity during this Conference year.

Very respectfully,

J. A. HODGES,
J. F. OWEN,
F. M. DAMERON.
Committee.

Report was received and Committee discharged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPORTMENT AND WORK OF THE MINISTRY.

We, the Committee on Deportment and Work of the Ministry submit the following report: We find upon investigation that a number of our Minister's failed to attend the Ministers Meeting at Stony Run Church by misunderstanding the time, we therefore

ask that they all be excused, and asked to be more attentive in the future. Some of the Ministers have failed to report their work to the committee as required. We therefore recommend that they report punctually in the future.

We further find that one Minister has so conducted himself in his family as to bring reproach upon himself and the cause of Christ. He confesses the same and begs pardon. We therefore beg this body to forgive. In the case of Wm. and G. A. Pope (the younger ministers) we find that the doctrine of justification is not in harmony with some of the older Ministers teaching. We therefore recommend that these two brethren be required to go before the Ordaining Council at once, and be examined to see if they are orthodox in the faith.

Respectfully,
Z. TAYLOR, Chairman.
A. W. GREGORY, Sec'y
W. P. COLLIER,
J. J. ROBERTS,
J. C. JERNIGAN,
Committee.

Report was received and Committee discharged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report: We find that the Committee appointed at our last Conference to inspect sites and purchase school property have purchased building, lands, &c., at Beulah, N. C., three miles South-west of Clinton for the purpose of running a school for and in the interest of the Cape Fear Conference, and others who may give us their support.

The Directors have secured the services of Prof. J. E. B. Davis. The school begun in August and is progressing finely, has an excellent corps of teachers, but is greatly in need of the patronage of the Church and its financial aid without which it cannot thrive. Your Committee begs further to state that the patronage upon the part of our churches has been very discouraging and not what the Churches should make it in order to secure success. As a part of this report your committee appends a brief report from the management covering the first three months work:

Earnings for first month	$ 28 20
Earnings for second month	44 48
Earnings for 3rd month	40 00
Total earnings three months	$112 98
Amount of salary guaranteed for three months	195 00
Amount of deficit	$ 82 02

J. A. BLALOCK,
W. J. POWELL,
J. R. PARKER,
Committee.

Report was received and Committee discharged.

Conference adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:30 p. m. and proceeded with business under the head of reports.

We, the ordaining Council required to examine W. M. and G. A. Pope beg to report the following:

That we find after examination that according to our best information upon the doctrine we find that they have departed from the true doctrine of justification, as held forth in the discipline of the Cape Fear Conference.

Respectfully,
J. F. Hill,
Robert Strickland.

Above report was received.

By motion of Elder Jos. Salmon the brethren, Wm. and G. A. Pope, were suspended from this Conference for the space of twelve months with the privilege of reconsidering and returning.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL.

We, the Ordaining Council beg leave to submit the following: We have examined all applicants appearing before us, on the doctrines of salvation, faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Church and found G. W. Stancill and J. J. Betts orthodox and have set them apart to the full work of the ministry, by a charge, prayer, and laying on of hands, and ask that their names be enrolled as ordained ministers. We find also that I. W. Bordeaux has been examined by Elders R. C. Jackson and Joseph Salmon as proxy for Council and set apart to the full work of the ministry. We therefore ask that his name be entered upon the roll of Ordained Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. HILL,
LUNDA LEE,
ROBERT STRICKLAND.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby requires each District Sunday School Convention to appoint a delegate to represent them in this Conference.

Respectfully,
L. W. TART.

Above motion was adopted.

Seeing the great need of a better system of finance to successfully carry out the work of our Benevolent Institutions, and also that of Home and Foreign Missions. Be it therefore

Resolved, 1st. That this Conference organize the four Sunday School Districts into Union Meeting Districts also.

2nd. That each Union District on Friday before each fifth Sunday during the Conference year shall hold a Union Meeting at some point designated for said meeting.

3rd. That each local church shall elect a delegate to each Union Meeting held in their respective districts who shall bear a church letter to said Union, stating the amount raised for Home and Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. JACKSON.

Above resolution stands adopted.

By motion of Elder H. W. Jernigan, W. J. Powell, G. W. Stancill and F. M. Dameron were appointed a Committee

to draft a petition asking the next General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to enact such laws as will prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in the State.

Following is a copy of petition:

We, the Cape Fear Conference of the Free Will Baptist Connection, now in session at Hopewell Church, Johnston county, N. C. Do hereby jointly pray and petition your honorable body the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, for the good of the present and coming generations, and for the sake of the Kingdom of our Lord, and for the good of many women and children, that you enact a law to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in the State.

This November 1st,, 1902.

G. W. STANCILL,
W. J. POWELL,
F. M. DAMERON,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report: We find in the treasury as balance for 1901, $4.25, and for 1902 for minutes $43.75, for Home Missions $17.45, for Foreign Missions $1.16 and for School $52.81, fines for this year $1.70, for church at Benson, N. C., $6.00. Total $128.12.

S. C. TURNAGE,
G. BYRD, Comm.

Report received and Committee discharged.

W. P. Collier, J. R. Parker, J. J. Roberts, J. B. Barefoot and A. W. Gregory were appointed as a Committee to select a place and appoint a man to preach the Introductory Sermon at each of the Union Meetings as heretofore mentioned.

Committee reports as follows:

UNION MEETINGS COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

For District, No. 1, meet at Hodges' Chapel and Rev. J. W. Lucas to preach the Introductory sermon.

District No. 2, Stony Run and Rev. Lunda Lee preach the Introductory sermon.

District, No. 3, will meet at Shady Grove, Pender county, Rev. R. C. Jackson to preach.

District, No. 4, will meet at Casey's Chapel and Rev. J. F. Hill will preach.

Respectfully,
W. P. COLLIER, Chmn.,
A. W. GREGORY, Sec'y.

Above report was received and Committee discharged.

Resolution offered by W. B. Strickland condemning the use of tobacco was tabled by motion of Rev. W. J. Jernigan.

A resolution offered by Rev. Robert Strickland to empower the Moderator to appoint a Committee to apportion the work of the ministry was tabled.

By motion of Rev. J. F. Hill the Conference voted to abandon the purchase of a Printing Press.

Upon motion by Rev. D. R. Stafford; W. P. Collier, O. B. Garriss and A. W. Gregory were re-elected to serve another term as directors for school.

Z. Taylor tendered his resignation as Committee on Deportment and Work of the Ministry. His resignation was accepted and J. H. Pope was elected in his stead.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SCHOOL.

We, the Board report the following: We met at Beulah, N. C., on Dec. 17, 1901. Present: H. W. Jernigan, R. C. Jackson, O. B. Garriss, W P. Collier, W. J. Powell. The Secretary being absent Rev. E. L. Parker was chosen Secretary pro. tem. On motion of W. P. Collier, W. J. Powell, R. C. Jackson and C. F. Collins were elected a Committee to hold and defend the title to the property and give title to parcels sold and said named persons shall hold office until their successors are elected. On motion by O. B. Garriss, the school shall open on Monday after the third Lord's Day in August, 1902, and continue ten months, giving holiday vacation. The Chairman appointed R. C. Jackson and W. J. Powell, Lookout Committee to solicit applications for Principal of the school and report to the Board of Directors.

On motion by R. C. Jackson the treasurer was ordered to pay at once to A. J. Cooper the sum of $45.00 to make payment on piano. On motion by O. B. Garriss, the Board of Trustees accepted the title to the property from the former Board; and gave them their note for the amount.

H. W. JERNIGAN, Chairman,
E. L. PARKER, Sec'y pro tem.

DUNN MEETING.

The Board met at Dunn, N. C., June 13, 1902. Present: W. P. Collier, R. C. Jackson, R. West, Z. Taylor, C. W. Anderson, A. W. Gregory and H. W. Jernigan. Elder L. Lee visited the meeting and opened by leading in prayer.

On motion, a quorum being present at this meeting, we make the report of the meeting at Beulah legal.

On motion Elder Lee was elected to represent W. J. Powell in this Board.

On motion the resolution offered by O. W. Gregory was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors positively refuse to run a sectarian school at Beulah, N. C. That while the school is owned and controlled by the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference, yet it shall be run upon union principles and strictly non sectarian and undenominational. On motion we guarantee the school at Beulah to pay and obligate to hire for ten months Prof. J. E. B. Davis at $50 per month and furnish an assistant teacher. On motion Prof. Davis shall be required to report the proceedings of the school at the close of the session. On motion the Treasurer shall pay to R. C. Jackson, $18.35 that he may apply it to the discharge of debt on Piano. On motion the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

H. W. JERNIGAN, Chmn.,
A. W. GREGORY, Sec'y.

Amount paid in by individuals to supply the shortage in Prof. Davis' salary for the first session as follows:

R. C. Jackson, $7; R. H. Allen, $5; W. J. Powell, $5; J. F. Hill, $6; W. P. Collier, $6; H. W. Jernigan, $6; F. M. Dameron, $6; A. W. Gregory, $6; J. L. Alphin, $6, not paid; H. H. Goff $1.00 paid.

A. W GREGORY, Sec'y of Board.

On motion by Rev. H. H. Goff this Conference hereby assumes the responsibility of footing up any shortage that may occur in the salary of the principal of the Beulah School during this session.

Nominations for Moderator were declared in order. The following named were put in nomination: Z. Taylor, J. F. Hill, Robt. Strickland and R. C. Jackson. Z. Taylor was elected. F. M. Dameron was elected Secretary by acclamation. R. M. Parker was elected Treasurer.

On motion by Rev. G. W. Stancill a vote of thanks was tendered Hopewell Church and vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they had entertained the Conference.

On motion by Rev. J. F. Hill delegates were elected to attend the Western, Central and Eastern Conferences as follows: Western—J. A. Blalock, and W. H. Avery was elected as alternate. Central—C. A. Jackson, and J. F. Hill alternate. Eastern J. F. Owen, and H. W. Jernigan alternate.

The following named churches petitioned for the next Conference: Casey's Chapel, Stony Run and Hodges Chapel. Decision in favor of Hodge's Chapel.

Elder H. W. Jernigan was elected to preach the Introductory sermon and Elder W. B. Hare was elected alternate.

On motion of H. H. Goff, the Secretary was ordered to have 1,500 copies of the minutes of this Conference printed and distribute as follows: Send 25 to each of the following named Conferences: Western, Central and Eastern and distribute the remainder among the several churches of this Conference.

On motion by R. M. Parker the Treasurer was ordered to pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors the money now on hand that has been paid in by the several churches as an Educational Fund. Furthermore the treasurer was ordered to pay to the secretary the money necessary to have minutes printed, together with $10.00 for his services. And the money collected from the several churches for Home Missions to H. W. Jernigan for the purpose of Church extension.

On motion by D. C. Johnson, Conference adjourned to

meet at Hodges Chapel on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, A. D. 1903, at 12 m.

Benediction by Elder H. W. Jernigan.

R. C. JACKSON, *Moderator.*

F. M. DAMERON, *Secretary.*

Following is the report of the Committee on recording Texts:

SERMON BY	TIME.	BOOK.	CHAP.	VERSE
R. C. Jackson	October 30, 12 m.	Acts	20	28
J. F Hill	Oct. 30, 7:30 p. m.	Romans	5	1
E. L. Parker	Oct. 31, 11 a. m.	John	14	16
J. F. Owen	Oct. 31, 2 p. m	Second Peter	1	5
W. B. Hare	Oct. 31, 7:30 p. m	Ecclesiastes	7	20
J. R. Spence	Nov. 1, 11 a. m.	Matthew	3	11
C. A. Jackson	Nov. 1, 2 p. m	John	3	1–2
H. H. Goff	Nov. 1, 8 p. m.	Revelations	20	1 to 6
R. C. Jackson	Nov. 2, 10 a. m.	Matthew	13	43

Most respectfully,

Miss Bertha Hodges, *Com.*

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1902.

MINISTERS.	Ch's served.	Memb's rec'd.	Sermons.	Days in revi'l.	Churches organized.	Deacons ordained.	Funerals.	S. S. Lectures.	Married.	Amount received.
H. M. Dudley				15					1	$ 7 50
E. L. Parker	*2									
O. B. Garriss	4	20	223				3			100 00
J. M. Langdon		3	32	10				3		3 15
J. F. Owen	5	25		30		1	7	2	16	116 00
R. W. Bass	2	1	75	20					1	40 00
Robert Strickland			25				2		2	
J. S. Ellis	2	8		18			1	1		
J. A. Blalock	3	6	50							50 00
E. F. Edwards			15	5		1	1			
W. H. Avery	2	20	55		1					15 00
Joseph Salmon			30				2		2	27 00
H. H. Goff	2		100				3		1	150 00
Lunda Lee	2	40	159	40			12			50 00
D. R. Stafford	3	18	124	32		2			2	24 85
J. F. Hill	2		75						5	71 84
G. A. Pope		12	35	10				4		
L. E. Johnson			52				1			
I. W. Bordeaux			17							
R. C. Jackson	6									202 67
W. B. Hare			112				9		4	32 35
J. W. Lucas	2	25	50							21 75

* And have done some mission work.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1902.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	For Minutes.	Paid to Pastor.	School.	Home Miss.	For. Missions.	No Mem Rec'd.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increase.	Decrease.	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Miscellaneous Fund.
Beasley's Grove	Johnston	25	$ 5 00											6	16	22	
Bethel	"	1 00	15 33	1 00			9	6	1			8		17	40	57	
Bizzell's Grove	Wayne	1 00	11 95				11	6			1	10		14	33	47	
Bethlehem	Sampson	50	46 81		25		20	13		2		18		37	34	71	1 51
Benson	Johnston	60	14 25				4	1	1			3		8	5	13	
Collier's Chapel	Cumberland	1 00	18 70	10 00	7 50		4	4	5	2			3	39	60	99	1 00
Carr's Chapel	Pender	30	19 50				8	4				8		10	15	25	
Corinth	Sampson	62	17 87	1 50							1		1	15	24	39	
Casey's Chapel	Wayne	1 26	60 00	6 30					1				1	25	38	63	82 56
Dunn	Harnett	1 10	65 55								2		2	23	32	55	18 58
Garland	Sampson	50	32 27	2 70	50	50	19	7	1			18		19	25	44	25
Hopewell	Johnston	1 00	25 00				6	4			1	5		13	24	37	
Hodges' Chapel	Harnett	1 10	28 00		50		7	7		3	2	2		52	131	183	7 95
Henry's Grove	"	25														10	
Johnson's Chapel	Johnston	1 00	12 65	4 50			2	2	9				7	15	29	44	
Johnson's Union	"	2 00	27 22				5	4				5		34	88	122	
Fort Run	Greene	1 50	10 20				29	24	3		2	24		40	86	126	
Lee's Chapel	Sampson	1 35	18 50	5 00			12	7	5		3	4		50	41	91	19 30
Long Branch	Cumberland	1 25	16 00				17	13	20	3			6			121	12 25
Lebanon	Sampson	1 00	27 50	6 00	3 00		9	4		2		7		18	39	57	3 11
New Zealand	Johnston	1 00	36 00				3	3	1			2		16	29	45	
North East	Duplin	25	26 00				5	4				5		16	18	34	
Newton's X Roads		45	6 95											6	12	18	55 00
New Hope	Johnston	1 60	25 55	7 50			5	2	2			3		32	34	66	13 71
New Chapel	"	50	5 00		1 00					3			3	7	8	15	
New Light		25	12 75											8	3	11	70
Oak Grove	Sampson	1 25	30 00						2	2	1		5	16	22	38	
Owen Grove	"	30	17 25		25	44	15	9		1	1		13	29	37	66	
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	2 00	21 75				23	12	1		1	21		48	65	113	21 82
Prospect	"	1 25	25 00				2	2	28				31	19	50	69	8 34
Peniel	Pender	50	10 60		25		3	2				3		6	8	14	
Piney Grove	Johnston	25	2 83				8	6				8		6	25	31	
Pittman's X Roads	"	50	5 00		1 50		15	9				15		6	9	15	
Plain View	Sampson	60	18 15	2 40	35		8	3	2	3	1	2		23	40	63	
Rowan	Bladen	50	20 66				1			2	1		2	15	23	38	
Robert's Grove	Sampson	1 17	20 50				1	1	2	1	1		3	28	42	70	12 23
Raynor's Chapel	Cumberland	50	11 00				8	4	3			5		15	19	34	
Saints Delight	Sampson	60	10 29				7	4		2	2	3		23	29	52	
Shady Grove	Duplin	25	11 00				11	2				11		15	20	35	
Shady Grove	Sampson	2 75	50 00				2	2	1		3		2	138	215	353	11 00
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	1 00	5 70						5				5	15	26	41	
Stony Run	Sampson	1 50	10 25				6	4	3		4		1	35	72	107	
St. Paul's	"	2 00	47 50	7 45		2 45	5	2	2		3			33	62	95	
Tea Chapel		75	15 55		50		7	5	2	1	1	3		5	23	28	
Union Springs	Johnston	45	4 75										19	9	10	19	
Union Grove	Pender		6 00				5					5		7	6	13	
Williams' Grove	Harnett	25	4 74				1	1	4	1			4	6	11	17	
Woods Grove	Wayne	2 00	30 00				1				3		2	47	81	128	9 82
Weaver's Grove		20					1		2				1	4	6	10	
Yelverton's Grove	Johnston	1 00	19 55				6	2	1		1	4		11	16	27	
Zoar	Sampson	1 00	19 70		75		5	1	2	2		1		32	32	64	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Mem's on roll.	No. Ch m'bers.	To church from S. S.	Paid for literature.	Av. attendance	Miscellaneous Funds.	DELEGATES.
1ST DISTRICT.								
Prospect	R. M. Parker	56	16	2	$ 8 34	42	$	J. W. Avery.
Pleasant Grove	S. Lucas	86	61	13	9 37	...	12 45	A. S. Lucas.
Hodges Chapel		57	....	....	.. ..	40	.....	.....

R. M. PARKER, President.
J W. LUCAS, Sec. *Pro. Tem.*

2ND DISTRICT.								
Shady Grove	Ransom West	76	50	1	1 69	35	3 00	E. M. Baggett.
Lee's Chapel	S. W. Williford	40	20	5	5 60	35	.....	Lunda Lee.
Robert's Grove	S. F. Jackson	68	20	...	1 30	42	4 10	W. E. Jackson.
Long Branch	E. W. Parker	60	....	....	2 27	40	....	J. A. Weeks.
Corinth	Z. Taylor	66	16	..	1 20	40	9 75	C. S. Phillips.
Pleasant Grove	J. A. Rouse	104	20	....	...	52	9 00	E. B. Barefoot.

The next Convention will meet at Lee's Chapel on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1903.
S. F. JACKSON, President,
W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

3D DISTRICT.—No Convention held.

4TH DISTRICT.								
Johnson Union	S. C. Turnage	53	23	4	3 84	25	1 50	J. M. Langdon.
New Chapel	J. M. Corbett	60	....	3	2 83	40	2 80	J. M. Corbett.
New Hope	S. J. Thain	35	20	....	1 25	18	....	.....
Massey's School House	J. B. Allen	70	10	....	1 25	40	1 20	.....
Johnson Chapel	W. M. Barber	63	10	....	5 00	35	....	J. R. Johnson.
St. Mary's Grove	W. R. Coats	64	22	....	6 00	35	.....	.....

Our next Convention will meet at Yelvington's Grove, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1903 at 10 a. m.
W. H. AVERY, Vice-President.
S. C. TURNAGE, Sec. *Pro. Tem.*

DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	PASTORS FOR 1902.
Beasley's Grove	W. Y. Moore.	Benson, N. C.	J. W. Lucas
Bethel	E. M. Temple	Four Oaks, N. C.	W. J. Jernigan.
Bizzell's Grove	G. E. Edwards	Starlight, N. C.	D. R. Stafford.
Bethlehem	O. M. Lee	Turkey, N. C.	C. A. Jackson.
Benson	C. W. Anderson	Benson, N. C.	H. W Jernigan.
Collier's Chapel	H. R. Lucas	Draughon, N. C.	W. J. Jernigan.
Carr's Chapel	S. W. Lewis	Grit, N. C.	C. J. Carr.
Corinth	E. R. Blew	Dunn, N. C.	R. W. Bass
Casey's Chapel	E. E. Long	Elroy, N. C.	R. C. Jackson.
Dunn	C. L. Guy	Dunn, N. C.	J. F. Hill.
Garland	J. C. Bordeaux	Garland, N. C.	R. C. Jackson.
Hopewell	J. R. Johnson	Smithfield, N. C.	H. H. Goff.
Hodges' Chapel	J. R. Strickland	Benson, N. C.	J. A. Blalock.
Henry's Grove	W. J. Godwin	Dunn, N. C.	J. F. Omen.
Johnson's Chapel	J. A. Johnson	Ezra, N. C	Hannibal Pope.
Johnson's Union	S. C. Turnage	Smithfield, N. C.	H. H. Goff.
Fort Run	W. J. Ginn	Shine, N. C.	J. A. Suggs.
Lee's Chapel	E. B. Tart	Mingo, N. C.	Lunda Lee.
Long Branch	L. W Tart	Dunn, N. C.	J. F. Owen.
Lebanon	H. E Peterson	Daliia, N. C.	R. C. Jackson.
New Zealand	M. F. Blackman	Overshot N. C.	Wm. & Hannibal Pope
North East	Willie Cavanaugh	Pasley, N C.	C. J Carr.
Newton's X Roads	J. D. Highsmith	Harrell's Store, N. C.	O. B. Garriss
New Hope	J. B. Jernigan	Youth, N. C	H W. Jernigan
New Chapel	J. W. Pool	Powhattan, N. C.	D. R. Stafford.
New Light	T. J. Gregory	Barclaysville, N. C	J. A. Hodges.
Oak Grove	E. M. Tart	Rosin Hill, N. C.	J. F. Owen.
Owen Grove	D. L. Owen	Clinton, N. C.	R. C. Jackson.
Pleasant Grove	A. S. Lucas	Dunn, N. C.	J. W. Lucas.
Prospect	C. L. Avery	Key, N. C.	W. J. Jernigan.
Peniel	C. V. Batts	Willard, N. C	O. B. Garriss.
Piney Grove	B. G. Stanley.	Four Oaks, N. C.	J. S. Ellis.
Pittman's Cross Roads	A. R. Hatcher	Selma, N. C	W. H. Avery.
Plainview	R. C. Bass.	Keener, N. C.	R. C. Jackson.
Rowan	L. R. Woodcock	Olga, N. C.	O. B. Garriss.
Robert's Grove	S. F. Jackson	Lydia, N. C.	R. W. Bass.
Raynor's Chapel	M. J. Raynor	Rockfish, N. C.	K. Raynor.
Saints Delight	B. Morgan	Chance, N. C.	L. Lee.
Shady Grove (Duplin)	Ransom Sholer	Sloan, N. C.	O. B. Garriss.
Shady Grove, (Sampson)	W. A. Jackson	Lydia, N. C.	J. F. Owen.
Saint Mary's Grove	W. R. Coats	Pou, N. C	J. A. Blalock.
Stony Run	W. E. Jernigan	Mingo, N. C.	H. W. Jernigan.
St. Pauls	F. M. Dameron	Newton Grove, N. C.	R C. Jackson.
Tea Chapel	J. N. Royal	Pine Level, N. C.	D. R. Stafford.
Union Springs	J. P. Stephenson	Itner, N. C.	Hannibal Pope.
Union Grove	J. C. Garriss	So. Washington, N. C.	G. S. Mobley.
Williams' Grove	J Q. Stephenson	(not given.)	J. S. Ellis.
Woods Grove	J. J. Roberts	Saulston, N. C.	J. H. Worley.
Weaver's Grove	J. E. Dorman	Barclaysville, N. C.	H. Pope.
Yelvington's Grove	Mary Roberts.	Smithfield, N. C.	C. A. Jackson.
Zoar	J. L. Crumpler	Clinton, N. C.	J. F. Owen

Wilmington and Mount Pleasant not represented.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING FOR 1902.

The fifth session of the Ministers' Meeting convened at Stony Run, Sampson county, N. C., on October 7th, 1902. Elder Joseph Salmon having been previously elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, preached from 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter and 15th verse, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Intermission of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The congregation came together at 2:15 p. m. and Devotional Exercises were conducted by Elder J. A. Hodges. Names of Ministers present as follows: Lunda Lee, President, R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, Jos. Salmon, D. R. Stafford, W. B. Hare, W. J. Jernigan, I. W. Bordeaux, H. W. Jernigan, J. F. Hill (by letter), A. J. Bordeaux, H. J. Summerlin.

Upon motion by R. C. Jackson a Committee on Program was appointed as follows: J. A. Hodges, R. C. Jackson and I. W. Bordeaux.

On motion the President was empowered to appoint some one to preach at night during the session. Appointment as follows: Elder D. R. Stafford open and Elder W. B. Hare preach.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

Subject, No. 1—What does the parable of the ten Virgins represent, as set forth in Matthew 25th chapter, 1st to 14th verse?

Subject, No. 2—What method may be employed that a greater Missionary Spirit may be awakened in the members of the Cape Fear Conference.

Subject, No. 3.—What does Ephesians, 4th chapter and 5th verse, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," mean?

Subject, No. 4—Should we as Ministers pay the Lord tithes and encourage the laity to do the same?

On motion the meeting stands adjourned until to-morrow 9:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting re-assembled at time appointed and was called to order by the President. The names of J. A. Rouse, J. W. Lucas, W. L. Godwin, H. Pope, G. A. Pope, W. H. Avery, J. M. Langdon, H. M. Dudley, J. A. Blalock, C. A. Jackson, J. S. Ellis, W. R. Glover, Robert Strickland, W. M. Pope ordained ministers and W. B. Strickland and E. L. Gavin licentiates, were enrolled as they were absent yesterday.

Subject No. 1 was discussed and it was agreed that the Virgins represented the visible church at the return of our Lord: The five wise being sanctified, the five foolish not being so.

Intermission of 10 minutes after which the congregation returned for preaching. Elder Lunda Lee who had been elected to preach a doctrinal sermon, preached from 1st Corinthians, 16th chapter and 13th verse: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith quit you like men, be strong."

Intermission for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting came together and was called to order by the President.

On motion, each minister, as soon as they enter their next year's work shall proceed to organize Missionary Societies at each of their churches with officers as follows: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion meeting adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m.

THIRD DAY.

The congregation re-assembled at time stated and was called to order by President. Elder J. M. Langdon led in prayer, after which the regular course of business was resumed.

Subject No. 3 was then discussed and Ephesians, 4th chapter and 5th verse, was taken to mean: One Lord (father of all), one faith (in the triune God), one baptism (with water, with the Holy Ghost, and fire).

Subject No. 4 was next discussed.

Intermission of 10 minutes after which the congregation returned for preaching. Elder R. C. Jackson preached a sermon on Home and Foreign Missions. Text: Romans 1st chapter, 14th to 16th verses.

Intermission for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The congregation came together at time appointed and was called to order by President, and subject No. 4 was again taken up and discussed.

On motion it was agreed that said subject should be tabled until the next Ministers' Meeting.

By motion the Ministers composing this body shall commune and wash each others feet the second night of our next meeting.

The next annual session of the Ministers Meeting will be held with the Church at Stony Run, Sampson county, N. C., beginning on Tuesday night before the second Sunday in October, 1903.

Elder J. A. Blalock was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon.

On motion the meeting adjourned with closing remarks and benediction by Elder C. A. Jackson.

LUNDA LEE. *President.*

J. A. BLALOCK, *Secretary.*

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